

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled) A method for providing a golf ball with a visual indication that a property has been altered due to the presence of water in the golf ball, comprising: applying a water-activated mask that is altered to permit viewing of a covered indicator upon being subjected to water.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~4~~12, wherein the mask alteration includes changing the refractive index of the mask.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~4~~ 12, wherein the mask alteration includes at least partial degradation of the mask.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein the partial degradation includes at least a partial sloughing off of the mask.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein the partial degradation includes microbial degradation.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~4~~ 12, wherein the covered indicator of the golf ball has a predetermined color.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim ~~4~~ 12, wherein the covered indicator includes indicia.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the indicia ~~is a~~ are printed indicia.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein the indicia ~~is an~~ are embedded indicia.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim + 12, wherein the mask is at least partially dissolved by water.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim + 12, wherein the mask is at least partially removed in the presence of water.
12. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 1;~~ A method for providing a golf ball with a visual indication that a property has been altered due to the presence of water in the golf ball, comprising: applying a water-activated mask that is altered to permit viewing of a covered indicator upon being subjected to water, wherein the mask functions, prior to water activation, as an opacification mask.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 12, wherein the mask is made at least partially transparent upon water activation.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim + 12, wherein the mask includes a water-activated binder.
15. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder includes insoluble pigment particles.
16. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder include bubbles.
17. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder includes voids.
18. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder includes oils.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim + 12, wherein the mask includes light-blocking media and wherein the unmasking includes agglomeration of the light-blocking media, thus to at least partially expose the covered indicator.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4 12, wherein the mask includes light-blocking media.
21. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the light-blocking media includes pigment particles.
22. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the light-blocking media includes a water-activated binder with bubbles therein.
23. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the light-blocking media includes a water-activated binder with voids therein.
24. (Original) The method of Claim 20, wherein the light-blocking media includes a water-activated binder and droplets of oil therein.
25. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder includes a water degradable polymer.
26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein the water degradable polymer is ~~selected from the group consisting of~~ at least one of poly lactic acid, poly lactic -polyglycolic acid copolymers, polycaprolactam and polyanhydrides.
27. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein the water degradable polymer is ~~selected from a group consisting of~~ chosen from polymers having microbes embedded therein that multiply in the presence of water, ~~which wherein the water~~ acts as a nutrient for the microbes, thus to cause degradation of the water-degradable polymer.
28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 27, wherein the ~~group consisting of polymers water degradable polymer, having microbes embedded therein, includes~~ is at least one of polysaccharides, polypeptides, polyvinylalcohols, polyacrylic acids, and polyesters.
29. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the binder is water swellable.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 29, wherein the water swellable binder is ~~selected from a group of polymers consisting of~~ one or more of polyvinyl alcohol, polyacrylic acid and ~~polyethelenimine~~ polyethylenimine.

31. (Previously Presented) A method for providing a golf ball with a visual indication that a property has been altered due to the presence of water in the golf ball, comprising: applying a water-activated mask that is altered to permit viewing of a covered indicator upon being subjected to water, wherein said mask functions, prior to water activation, as an opacification mask in which the mask has a structure which makes the mask opaque.